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The Honorable Toby Roth U. S. House of Representatives 2234 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Congressman Roth

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSIO:
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Thank you for your letter of February 13, 1996, on behalf of your constituent, Joe Bise, regarding the Commission's decision to freeze acceptance of paging applications. Mr. Bise expresses concern that the suspension of processing of paging applications will adversely affect small businesses that provide paging services.

The Commission is currently conducting a rulemaking proceeding that proposes to transition from licensing paging frequencies on a transmitter-by-transmitter basis to a geographic licensing approach, using auctions to award licenses where there are mutually exclusive applications. In conjunction with that proceeding, the Commission initially froze processing of applications for paging frequencies. On April 23, 1996, the Commission released a First Report and Order in WT Docket 96-12 and PP Docket 93-253, which adopted interim measures governing the licensing of paging systems and partially lifted the interim freeze for incumbent paging licensees. For your convenience and information, enclosed is a copy of the Press Release concerning the First Report and Order, which includes a summary of the principal decisions made. Specifically, small and medium sized incumbent paging companies will be permitted to expand their service areas if the proposed new site is within 65 kilometers (40 miles) of an authorized and operating site. These interim rules will remain in effect until the Commission adopts final rules in the paging proceeding.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely.

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Ms. Judith L. Harris Director, Legislative Affairs Federal Communications Commission 1919 M St NW Washington, D.C. 20036-3505

Dear Ms. Harris,

Enclosed please find correspondence I have recently received from my constituent Joe Bise of Green Bay Wisconsin.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could respond to the concerns expressed. Please address your reply to the attention of Lisa Monroe in my Washington office.

Thank you very much for your kind assistance.

Sincerely,

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